

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Jan. 13, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,

January 13, 1942.

The Board met and in the absence of the President and Vice-President Com. Boelio was designated chairman of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Hunter VanNote.—6.

Absent—Coms. Carter and Harris.—2.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Donald A. Jones in which he applied for a position as Radio Operator in the Police Department, which was received and placed on file.

A letter was received from E. D. Olmstead, President of Nashville, in which he asked if it would be possible to secure the services of Chas. A. Wibert as night watchman at Nashville without interfering with his status in the Lansing department.

By Com. Drolett—

That the City Clerk write to Mr. E. D. Olmstead, President of the Village of Nashville, stating that if Mr. Wibert should accept a position with the Village of Nashville, he might be subject to recall to his position here as he is on partial disability leave on account of his health.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS

Alfred C. Kranz and Elmer G. Rosendahl applied for positions as firemen and

the applications were referred to the Chief of the Fire Department.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Hammond of the Committee on Property and Purchasing, together with the Committee on Ways and Means, had investigated the possibility of purchasing property west of Fire Station No. 4 and are in favor of purchasing it for the Fire Department.

By Com. Hammond—

That this Board approves the purchase of the "West 4 Rods of Lots 9 and 10, Block 9, Green Oak Addition," for \$3,500.00 out of funds on hand in the 1941-42 Budget for the Fire Department, property to be held in the name of the City of Lansing, and a copy of this action be sent to the City Council for proper action by that body.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Hunter, VanNote.—6.
Nays—None.

Com. Drolett, Chairman of the Committee on Property and Purchasing, submitted bids which the Committee had received for automobiles with a statement that if cars were to be purchased this year they would have to be ordered at once and not wait until the end of the fiscal year as had usually been done.

January 5, 1942,
Lansing, Michigan.

Board of Police & Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

The Automobile & Apparatus Committee met on January 3rd to investigate the ac-

cident of No. 5 Engine that occurred at the intersection of Holmes and Hazel Streets on December 31, 1941.

Master Mechanic Roy Seymour reported there was no permanent damage to the apparatus and that the cost of repairs would be approximately \$90.00. He does not consider the driver a careless engineer.

Captain Clark reported that he cautioned the driver about the condition of the streets and that the driver responded by slowing down. He feels the accident was due more through an inexperience in winter driving and the icy condition of that particular corner.

Engineer Bauer stated that the machine started to slide when he turned on Hazel Street and that he was unable to control it. He said the Captain called his attention to the condition of the streets and that he was driving slow when he lost control of the machine.

The Committee finds no cause for disciplinary action, we feel there was no negligence on the part of the Captain or Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON AUTOMOBILE &
APPARATUS

A. P. GROSS,

Chairman.

L. A. DROLETT.

By Com. Gross—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief O'Brien filed reports for December, 1941, on finances and auto report, and also on the condition of the City Jail, which were received and placed on file.

Chief Lefke filed a report on the finances and other activities of the Fire Department for the month of December, 1941, which were placed on file. The Annual Report for 1941 was filed by Chief Lefke.

By Com. Hammond—

That Chief Lefke and the Secretary and all others who had assisted with the making up of the Annual Report of the Fire Department be commended for the fine report made.

Carried.

Chief O'Brien reported the receipt of \$20.00 from the Michigan National Bank for the Police Pension Fund.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Drolett—

That Chief Lefke order two Olds 76 door sedans with accompanying specifications, including trade-in allowance on old cars now in use, at a cost of \$18,000 for the two cars. Payments to be made from the 1942-43 budget.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio Drolett Gross, Hammond, Hunter, VanNote.—6.

Nays—None.

By Com. Drolett—

That the Chief of Police be authorized to order from the Lansing Olds Company seven Olds 66 two-door sedans with accompanying specifications and trade-in allowance for seven batteries and trade allowance on seven cars now in use. The purchase price of \$6,119.26 for the seven cars, to be paid from the 1942-43 budget.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Hunter, VanNote.—6.

Nays—None.

By Com. Hammond—

That the Chief of Police be authorized to have Don Barker sworn in as police at the Motor Wheel Corporation if he is employed by them.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, VanNote.—5.

Nays—Com. Hunter.—1.

By Com. VanNote—

That this Board recommend the increase in expenditure for meals served prisoners in the City be increased five cents per meal.

Carried.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Department were presented and allowed the following vote: Yeas 6; Nays 0.

Michigan State Police	_____
John Walsh	_____
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	_____
Stover Company	_____
General Distributing Company	_____
Lansing Oldsmobile Company	_____
United Oil Company	_____
Paul Automotive Parts	_____

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United Exterminators	25.00
Horne Woolen Mills	17.50
John F. O'Brien	17.14
Budd's Music House	16.41
Harley Davidson Motorcycle	15.10
Lansing Laundry Company	14.17
Knight Electric Company	12.79
Allen Printing Company	14.00
Whitmore Auto Electric Company	12.08
Reo Motors, Inc.	9.10
Robinson Auto Supply Co.	8.95
Vaughan Battery Service	7.35
Safety Service Clinic	6.88
Western Union Company	5.64
Barker-Fowler Electric Company	3.50
Postal Telegraph Company	2.58
Gregory-Mayer & Thom Company	1.53
Central Rent-A-Car, Inc.	1.20

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 6; Nays 0.

Seagrave Corp.	\$339.43
Bd. of Water & Electric Lt. Comrs.	205.88
Michigan Bell Telephone Company	137.88
Addison Sponge Company	132.40
Friedland Iron and Metal Co.	87.91
E. H. Ward & Company	52.87
Consumers Power Company	50.94

Lansing Laundry	42.18
Capitol City Wrecking Company	41.77
Samuel Fisher	25.00
Fred Albert and Arthur	
Witschinski	20.25
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	16.11
Weissinger Paper Company	11.05
Vandervoort Hardware Company	9.80
Paul Lefke	7.07
Lansing Supply Company	6.79
Franklin DeKleine Company	6.59
South Lansing Hardware	4.33
Michigan Brass and Electric Co.	3.65
E. & J. Resuscitator Co.	3.50
Lansing Oldsmobile Company	3.49
General Distributing Corp.	3.44
T. M. Gillespie	3.30
Dr. L. M. Snyder	3.00
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	2.12
Parker's Paint and Wall Paper	
Stores	2.01
Superior Paint Company	1.73
Dudley Paper Company	1.47

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

January 13, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Jan. 14, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,

January 14, 1942.

The Board met at the home of Com. Joseph Beck and was called to order by the President, Com. Joseph Beck.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Beck, Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, Johns, McKim, Rathbun, Wooton.—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

A communication was received from Mrs. Kittie Thomas thanking the Board for plants received at Christmas time and with best wishes for the Board.

Received and placed on file.

Mary E. Rathbun expressed appreciation for a Christmas plant received from the Park Board.

Received and placed on file.

A petition asking that the vacant lots

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Feb. 10, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,
February 10, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote—7.
Absent—Com. Carter,—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

A communication was received from the family of Joseph Beek expressing gratitude for the Board's expression of sympathy.

A communication was received from Ald. L. J. Smith of the City Council Ways and Means Committee in regard to preparing the 1942-1943 Budget. The subject was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A communication was received from the Radio Division asking for increases in salaries. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A letter was received from Oscar G. Olander of the State Police thanking Ross N. Dibble, Assistant Fire Chief, and his assistants for the time given to training the men of the State Police in fire fighting. Received and placed on file.

A letter of appreciation was received from Chas. Haddad for the manner in which a fire was handled at 1205 Olds Ave. making the loss a minimum. Received and placed on file.

A copy of the opinion of Judge Leland W. Carr in the case of F. O. P. and

Joseph Johnson Lodge No. 102 vs. D. D. Harris et al was filed.

A communication was received from Harold W. Glassen regarding fire protection for his home outside of the City of Lansing and Township of Lansing.

By Com. Hammond—

That the letter be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

February 7, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline met on Friday, February 6th, to hear charges against officer Charles Sohn. After hearing the witness and officer Charles Sohn in his own behalf, it was decided to have officer Charles Sohn take a physical examination before disposing of his case.

The Committee named Dr. Bauer for the Commission; Dr. Cross for the City, and officer Charles Sohn was to have his family physician. They were to make their examinations and to have the reports before the Commission on February 10th, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON MEN & DISCIPLINE.

CHESTER E. BOELIO,
Chairman.
C. I. HUNTER,
A. P. GROSS.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Reports of three physicians on condition of Officer Charles Sohn were received and placed on file.

The Committee on Men and Discipline recommended that the charges against Officer Sohn be dismissed on account of insufficient evidence.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.

Nays—None.

By Committee on Men and Discipline—

That Officer Sohn be given a leave of absence until March 15, 1942.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.

Nays—None.

Com. Hammond reported that the purchase of the property adjoining Fire Station No. 3 on the west had been consummated.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Lefke filed reports of the finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of January, 1942, which were received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed reports on finances, automobile report and activities of the Police Department for January, 1942, which were received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien reported that five men from his department would attend the School to be held by the F. B. I. at Jenison Field House, the week of February 16 to 23, 1942, at which time they would receive instructions (forty-six hours) in Civilian Defense work, and that these men will then instruct the other men on the force.

Chief O'Brien reported that about 300 men would soon be under training as Auxiliary Police to serve if the occasion should arise. Among subjects to be given would be Law of Arrest, First Aid, Fire Fighting, Law of Evidence, and Handling of Traffic.

Chief Lefke also reported that he and other officers of the Fire Department had attended a school at Ann Arbor at which instructions were given on fire fighting in war time.

Chief Lefke also reported that Auxiliary Firemen would be given a course in instruction in fire fighting and as wardens.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. VanNote—

That Chief O'Brien be authorized to appoint a man to the "School of Traffic Time," which is to be held in the future, with his expenses paid.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Hunter, Harris, VanNote.—7.

Nays—None.

By Com. VanNote—

That this Board withhold instruction of Chiefs against requests for occupational deferment for those subject to draft either Fire or Police Departments.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—6.

Nays—None. (Com. Hammond dissenting.)

CITATIONS

The following Police Officers were presented with Citation Certificates for meritorious services:

James Keenoy for apprehension of Charland and Chas. Zufelt for apprehension and entering.

Keith Lang, Warren Eddie, Joseph and Charles Straghier for apprehension of Harold Yeoman.

The certificates were presented by D. D. Harris, president of the Board. The men expressed their pleasure at receiving this recognition of special services.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yes 7; Nays 0.

Barker-Fowler Elec. Co. _____
Budd's Music Store _____
Michigan Bell Telephone Co. _____
Allen Printing Co. _____
Lansing Oldsmobile Co. _____
Wolverine Typewriter Co. _____
Harley Davidson Motorcycle Co. _____
John F. O'Brien _____
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co. _____
Police Equipment Supply Co. _____

Robinson Auto Supply Co.	9.25
Knight Elec. Co.	8.25
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdw. Co.	7.27
City Comptroller	5.00
Lansing Laundry Co.	4.67
Stanley H. Reese	3.74
Hack's Key Shop	2.70
Railway Express Co.	2.52
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	2.14
General Distributing Co.	1.39

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 7; Nays 0.

Board of Water & Light Comm.	\$415.82
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	166.42
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	129.70
Mine Safety Appliance Co.	103.49
St. Lawrence Hospital	67.00
The Gamewell Co.	60.18
Lansing Laundry	51.32
Consumers Power Co.	49.51
Uptown Hi-Speed Garage, Inc.	44.40
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	39.13
The Seagrave Corp.	30.00

Capitol Elec. Supply Co.	26.79
Lee & Cady	26.75
Maurice Pollack, Inc.	25.16
Vandervoort Hdw. Co.	20.88
Lyman Body Co.	18.00
Graybar Elec. Co.	16.14
Paul Lefke	11.50
Young Bros. & Daley	10.00
Michigan School Service, Inc.	9.60
Franklin DeKleine Co.	8.30
Rikerd Lumber Co.	7.29
Air Reduction Sales Co.	5.72
F. N. Arbaugh Co.	4.24
C. G. Braxmar Co., Inc.	3.37
Central Welding Supply Co.	2.35
Cairnes & Bro.	1.91
Mill Supplies Corp.	1.61
Michigan Supply Co.	1.50

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

February 10, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Feb. 24, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,

February 24, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Hunter, Harris, Hunter, Van Note.—7.

Absent—Com. Carter.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

The Board met in the Council Chamber with the Committee on Ways and Means and Jail Supplies Committee of the Ingham County Board of Supervisors.

Those present were Supervisors John Russell, Roscoe J. Barry, Dale W. Blosssey (Jail Supplies); Jacob Schepers, Eugene A. Tyler, Grover Barnhart and Harold W. Hungerford (Ways and Means).

Capt. Scarvada of the State Police, Alan McDonald, Sheriff, Undersheriff Lechler, Charles Wolfe, Radio Operator for the City of Lansing, were also present.

The subject of a common radio station for use by the City Police Department and the Sheriff's Department were discussed. Capt. Scarvada, Chas. Wolfe, and Alan McDonald spoke on the proposed setup, gave an estimate of cost and other information relevant to the subject.

By Com. Drolett—

That this Board favors cooperation with the County of Ingham in establishing a common radio station between the Lansing Police Department and the Sheriff's Department, and that President appoint a

committee to work with the County of Supervisors and in conjunction with Ways and Means Committee of the Council.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, Van Note.—7.
Nays—None.

The Board then returned to the Police Office for the remainder of the evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Patrolman Ernest V. Messick stating he had enlisted in the United States Army and asked for a leave of absence for the duration of the war.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended that the following communication be sent to Mr. Harold Glassen, asked for fire protection by the Lansing Fire Department for his home in the County.

February 24, 1942.

Mr. Harold Glassen,
608 American State Bank Bldg.,
Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Glassen:

Your request for fire protection for the Lansing Fire Department for the home on Stoll Road was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Board of Police Fire Commissioners at a meeting on February 10, 1942.

All contracts for fire protection furnished outside the Lansing city limits by the Lansing Fire Department are executed by the City Council and it has been our experience in the past, when several requests similar to yours have come to us for fire protection to an individual or group piece of property, that such a request has been denied by the City Council.

The reason for this has been that should one request be granted that the city would be deluged with requests to furnish fire protection to individual property owners in the area surrounding the city, and this would be impractical and against the wishes of the tax-payers who support this department.

The city has an agreement of course to furnish fire protection to Lansing Township and this we feel is about all we can handle with our present facilities in the Lansing Department.

Therefore, this committee recommends to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners that your request be denied and that any further transaction concerning this matter must of necessity be made with the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

L. A. DROLETT, Chairman.
CHESTER E. BOELIO,
ELMER W. HAMMOND.

Committee on Ways and Means.

By Com. Drolett—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Committee on Ways and Means presented a proposed Fire Department Budget for the fiscal year 1942-43 for consideration of the Board.

By Com. Drolett (Seconded by Com. VanNote)—

That the Fire Department Budget for the year 1942-43 amounting to \$314,799.54 be approved.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

The Committee on Ways and Means presented a proposed Police Department Budget for the fiscal year 1942-43 for consideration of the Board.

By Com. Drolett (Seconded by Com. Hammond)—

That the Police Department Budget for the year amounting to \$235,766.01 be approved.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Drolett—

That the Chief of Fire Department be instructed to post notices in the Fire Stations that the rising hour hereafter will be 7 o'clock A. M.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

By Com. Hammond—

That the insurance on the house adjoining Fire Station No. 4 recently purchased by the Board be renewed and the house be repaired.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

By Com. VanNote—

That the resolution of Com. Gross, which was adopted on September 7, 1940, and read as follows:

"By Com. Gross—

"That should any members of either the Police Department or the Fire Department be called for military or naval service, they be reinstated upon their return in their former position with seniority rights. Carried," be rescinded.

Carried.

By Com. VanNote—

That members of the Police Department or of the Fire Department who enter the armed forces of the United States in the present emergency shall be given a leave of absence from their positions and upon their honorable discharge and if physically fit, shall be reinstated upon their return to Lansing in the position which was held upon entering into the service with such seniority rights as they had when entering the service. Provided application be made within six months after such honorable discharge.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.

Nays—None.

By Com. Drolett—

That the President of the Board be authorized to sign a contract for gas and oil with the Morden Oil Co.

Carried.

By Com. Hammond—

That this Board resolve itself into a Committee of The Whole in executive session.

February 24, 1942,

Lansing, Michigan.

Committee on Men and Discipline,

Board of Police and Fire Comm.,

Commissioners Boelio, Hunter and Gross.

Gentlemen:

On February 17th at 4:00 P. M. the Ways and Means Committee of the Board of Police and Fire Commission met in my office to discuss appropriations for the Fire Department budget of 1942-43.

The Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph, Charles Tomrell, was called into the meeting for questioning on expenditures concerning the Fire Alarm Department. It was discovered at this time that he had been drinking while on duty and that he was in an intoxicated condition.

The following morning of the 18th was instructed by a member of the committee to suspend Mr. Tomrell from Fire Department pending action of Men and Discipline Committee. This immediately done.

I place this matter before you gentlemen for consideration.

Respectfully yours,

PAUL LEFKOWITZ
Chief of Fire Department

An oral report on condition of Hethorn was made by Coms. Boelio, Hunter and Hammond.

The Committee on Men and Discipline recommended that Charles Tomrell, Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, be fined \$100.00 for conduct unbecoming a fireman and that Fireman Cecil Hethorn be fined five of his leave days for conduct unbecoming a fireman.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 0.

The Board adjourned.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings March 10, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,

March 10, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.
Absent—Com. Carter.—1.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Digby expressed their appreciation for the skillful service given by the Fire Department at the Digby Hotel fire.

Received and placed on file.

Letters were received from P. J. Hoffmaster, Director, and John E. Gunderson, Conservation Officer of the State Department of Conservation, praising the Rescue Squad of the Lansing Fire Department for a demonstration given at a first aid class.

Received and placed on file.

The City Clerk notified the Board that the City Council had referred to the Board an offer from Leo T. McQuillan to sell Lot 19, Block 9, Espanore Addition adjoining Fire Station No. 7 to the City.

Referred to the Committee on Property and Purchasing.

A communication was received from George Gunderson, Plant Physician at Olds Motor Works Division, thanking the Fire Department for a demonstration in handling magnesium incendiaries and in the use of the inhalator as given by Capt. Albers and Ernest Kopietz before two classes in Red Cross First Aid.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

Applications for appointment as Firemen were filed by Thomas T. Sanford, Arthur A. Rouse and Donald T. Collins and referred to Chief Lefke, Chief of the Fire Department.

Fireman Charles Preston asked for a leave of absence in order that he might enlist in the United States Navy, said leave to begin March 16, 1942.

By Dr. Drolett—

That Charles Preston, Fireman, be granted a leave of absence in accordance with the resolution of February 24, 1942, in regard to men of the department who enter the armed service of the United States, and that a substitute be appointed in his place during his absence.

Carried.

Chief O'Brien filed the resignation of Patrolman George Viane together with his report on Patrolman Viane's record.

By Com. Boelio—

That the resignation be accepted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

March 5, 1942.

To the Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners:

Report of investigation held by the Automobile and Apparatus Committee March 5th, regarding the accident on February 28th at the intersection of Larch and Shawassee Streets involving No. 3 Ladder Truck of the Lansing Fire Department and a Dodge pick-up truck owned by DuBois and Hughes.

A detailed report by Capt. Fred Alber and Engineer Earl Miller accompanies this report, together with pictures of both trucks taken by the Police Department. The approximate cost for repairing No. 3 Ladder Truck will be about \$90.00.

This Committee finds that the accident was unavoidable, that Engineer Miller is a reliable and competent driver, and we recommend that he be freed from blame regarding this accident and that no disciplinary action be taken.

Respectfully submitted:

L. A. DROLETT,

CHARLES P. VAN NOTE.

By Com. Drolett—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Lefke filed reports for the month of February, 1942, relative to finances and operations of the Fire Department which was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed reports for the month of February, 1942, on financial status, the condition of the jail and automobile report.

By Com. Boelio—

That during the present emergency the maximum age limit for men entering the police or fire service be raised from 28 years to 30 years.

Carried.

Com. Hammond reported on the possible use of sidecars on motorcycles.

By Com. Hammond—

That an item of \$610 be added to the Police Department Budget for the purchase of four sidecars.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—7; Nays—0.

By Com. Drolett—

That Probationary Fireman Elmer Thorp, upon favorable report by Chief Lefke, be confirmed as a member of the Fire Department effective March 10, 1942, this confirmation being made of necessity due to the fact that this man has taken leave of absence to join the United States Navy in the war emergency, and he has been appointed to the Lansing Fire Department on probation seven days prior to the declaration of war by the United States.

Carried.

By Com. Hammond—

That Charles Sohn, Patrolman, be granted another thirty days leave of absence.

Carried.

By Com. Hammond—

That the Committee on Men and Discipline review the cases of all men whose cases have been before the Board of Physical Disability.

Carried.

By Com. VanNote—

That Dr. E. J. Hermes be appointed Examining Physician for the two departments.

Carried.

By Com. Drolett—

That the Chief of the Fire Department be authorized to retain one of the sedans for emergency use.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—7; Nays—0.

By Com. Boelio —

That Paul Beach and John Achtel be appointed Firemen on six months probation.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—7; Nays—0.

Chief O'Brien was authorized to purchase sixteen radio mobile units at \$440 each.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas—7; Nays—0.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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The Gamewell Company	\$944.05
Bd. of Water & Elec. Light	320.35
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	137.11
McKay Coal Co.	74.50
Consumers Power Company	50.45
Lansing Laundry	40.92
Central Welding Supply Co.	30.00
Drs. Lawrence and Harriette Jarret ..	27.50
Air Deduction Sales Co.	14.22
Drs. McNamara and Carr	14.00
Franklin DeKleine Co.	9.95
St. Lawrence Hospital	8.50
Paul Lefke	8.49
T. M. Gillespie	8.08
Lewis Fuel Company	7.40
Michigan Brass & Electric Co.	6.88
American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	5.20
VanDervoort Hardware Co.	5.05
Mill Supplies Corp.	4.87
Lee & Cady	2.96
Homelite Corporation	2.87
Maurice Pollack, Inc.	2.84
Jarvis Engineering Works	2.66
Kramer Auto Parts Co.	2.30
Lansing Paint & Color Co.	2.08
Rikerd Lumber Co.	2.05

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas—7; Nays—0.

Morden Oil Co.	\$100.20
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	69.17
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	66.00
Knight Electric Company	61.00
Addison Sponge Company	36.57
The Bike Shop	31.21
United Exterminators	25.00
John F. O'Brien (Petty Cash)	19.68
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	19.12
Offenhauer Radio Service	17.12
Stover Company	13.68
Harley Davidson Motorcycle Co.	13.10
Robinson Auto Supply Co.	11.25
Graybar Electric Co.	8.79
Lansing Laundry Co.	6.72
General Distributing Co.	6.63
Western Union Company	3.83
Friedland Iron & Metal Co.	3.75
Whitmore Auto Electric Co.	3.50
John P. Walsh	3.50
American Railway Express	2.02
Emery-Pratt Company	1.81

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

March 10, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING Proceedings March 23, 1942

March 23, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Commissioner D. D. Harris.

I feel that the Police Department received a hard blow in the loss of Sergeant Thomas. This officer's death leaves a vacancy in our department that will be hard to replace.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. EARLY,
Acting Chief of Police.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.

Absent—Coms. Boelio, Carter, Drollett.—3.

By Com. VanNote—

That the Board express to the family of Sergeant Charles L. Thomas, its deepest regrets and heartfelt sympathy at his passing. We are mindful of the splendid service rendered to the citizens of Lansing by Sergeant Thomas and among the very fine things that can be said for him is that he was faithful to his country, to his adopted city and to his family and friends.

Carried.

By Com. Hammond—

That the final check for salary of Sergeant Charles Thomas include the furlough due him and up to and including April 15th, 1942.

Yeas—5. Nays—None.

By Com. Hammond—

That this Board hereby authorize repairs on the Fire Department property recently purchased, as may be necessary to put same in good condition to rent, and to satisfy all Board of Health and housing requirements, using our own labor as far as possible.

Yeas—5. Nays—None.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

March 23, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police
and Fire Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

I wish to take this opportunity to notify the Commission of the sudden death of Sergeant Charles L. Thomas. He was operated on for an appendectomy on the night of March 18th and passed away on Saturday morning March 21st at 11 A. M.

Sergeant Thomas was appointed to the Police Department on September 27, 1929, as a patrolman and served in that capacity until January 16, 1942, when he was promoted to the rank of a sergeant.

Sergeant Charles L. Thomas was a very good officer. He was tireless in his efforts to promote Safety, having sacrificed his last year's furlough of fifteen days to attend a Traffic & Safety short course at Chicago. He has been very active during the last year appearing with Sergeant Fletcher, Patrolmen Keller and Benedict before luncheon groups, schools in Lansing and many small towns near Lansing. This work was all in the interest of traffic safety. He was also very active in First Aid work and prior to his death he was one of the officers in charge of the Auxiliary Police groups and was teaching them First Aid work.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings March 30, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,
March 30, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Commissioner D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.
Absent—Com. Carter.—1.

COMMUNICATIONS

March 30, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

Attached is the request for leave of absence for duration of the War, from Patrolman Donald Murphy.

Patrolman Donald Murphy was appointed as a patrolman on June 1, 1935, and has served in that capacity since his appointment. He has a splendid record and is a very fine officer, and I feel that he will be an asset to the Armed Services of our Country.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. EARLEY,
Acting Chief of Police.

March 24, 1942.

John F. O'Brien,
Chief of Police.

Sir:

I wish to apply for leave of absence from the Police Department for the duration of the War.

Due to my Military Status, I was about to be inducted into the Armed Services,

therefore, I chose to enlist in the Army which I did on March 13, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD MURPHY,
Patrolman

By Com. Hammond—

That the leave be granted.
Carried.

Com. Drolett reported on meeting of Ways and Means Committee with the Council's Ways and Means Committee relative to the budget which had been submitted for the year 1942-1943.

President, Com. Harris, appointed a committee, Coms. VanNote, Hunter and Gross to draw up a resolution asking the Ways and Means Committee for a rehearing.

By Coms. VanNote, Hunter and Gross—

Whereas after careful consideration, Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, unanimous approval submitted its 1943 budget to the Honorable Council of the City of Lansing, and upon hearing budget by the Ways and Means Committee of said Council, very materially reduced such extent that said Board believe impossible to continue the high standard of Public Service, by said Police and Fire departments, as approved by the said Ways and Means Committee of the Council, therefore

Be it resolved that upon careful consideration, this Board requests a rehearing before said Committee of the Council, upon rehearing that the recommendations heretofore made be given the approval of such Committee of the Council.

Adopted by the following vote:
Yeas—6; Nays—0.

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk

Lansing, Michigan,
March 30, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings April 15, 1942

April 15, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7
Absent—Com. Carter.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Reo Motors Inc. thanked the Chief of Fire Department and Captain Fisher for the prompt handling of a small fire at the plant which might otherwise have developed into a disastrous fire and for the investigation made as to cause.

The communication was placed on file and a copy ordered sent to Capt. Fisher.

Mrs. M. S. Lines expressed her gratitude to the Chief and his men for the fine work done by them with the inhalator during an illness of her husband.

The communication was placed on file and a copy ordered placed on the Fire Department bulletin board.

Harry S. Applegate, Chief Air Raid Warden, expressed his personal appreciation for the cooperation of the department in assigning Captain Sam Fisher to take charge of training classes for instruction in gas and incendiary bomb defense, and praised Captain Fisher's work very highly.

Received and placed on file.

Mrs. Nell Thomas applied for a pension for herself and child.

The application was referred to the City Attorney.

John S. Bugas, Special Agent in Charge, F.B.I., acknowledged in a letter, the fine cooperation he was having from the Police Department in investigating Bureau cases and especially praised the work of Detective Paul Taylor.

Received and placed on file.

Lt. Frank Hufnagel requested that he be placed on the retired list of Pensioned Police Officers, as he had served more than the required twenty-five years.

By Com. Drolett—

That the request be approved by the Board and referred to the City Council for their consideration.

Carried.

March 27, 1942,
Lansing, Michigan.

Mr. Paul Lefke,
Chief of Fire Dept.,
Lansing, Mich.

Dear Chief:

Recently I enlisted into the service of the U. S. Navy Department and will soon be notified to report for duty.

Will you kindly place my application for an extended leave of absence before the Board of Police and Fire Commission, effective March 31, 1942.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

ALBERT J. FOSTER,
Fireman, No. 4 Station.

By Com. Drolett—

That the leave of absence be granted as requested under the terms of the resolution

of the Board relative to men entering the U. S. armed service.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS

James C. Devezek applied for appointment as a fireman and the application was referred to Chief Lefke.

Donald Murphy asked to be re-instated as a Police Officer as he had not been accepted by the military service on account of a physical defect. Chief O'Brien also filed a report approving his re-instatement. The report of Dr. C. J. Stringer was attached.

April 10, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Men and Discipline Committee held on April 8, 1942, relative to the request for re-instatement of Donald Murphy, your Committee requests that he be re-instated and restored to duty; pending the regular meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER E. BOELIO,
Chairman,

A. P. GROSS,
C. I. HUNTER,

Committee, Men & Discipline.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be adopted and that Donald Murphy be re-instated as a member of the Lansing Police Department, to take effect as of April 1, 1942.

Carried.

April 14, 1942,

Lansing, Michigan.

Board of Police and Fire Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline make the following recommendations:

That Nicholas Horiszny and Kale Knapp be appointed as substitute firemen to fill the vacancies caused by the enlistments of Albert Foster and Elwyn Thorpe.

Appointments to be for the usual six month probationary period.

Signed:

C. E. BOELIO, Chairman
C. I. HUNTER,
A. P. GROSS.

By Com. Boelio—

That the appointment be made as recommended on the usual six months' probation.

Carried.

RESOLUTION

By the Committee on Men and Discipline

That Patrolman Howard Lewis be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sergeant Charles Thomas, to take effect on April 16th, 1942.

Commissioner Boelio moves the adoption of the resolution.

Carried.

Com. Hammond reported that the building in the rear of Fire Station No. 4 had been repaired and was now rented. He also reported that the garage had been sold for \$60.00. The President thanked Com. Hammond for his services in connection with this property.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief O'Brien filed reports on the condition of the Jail, the finances of the Police Department, and activities of the Department for March, 1942, which were received and placed on file.

Chief Lefke filed reports on the finances of the Fire Department and the activities of the department for the month of March, 1942, which were received and placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Hammond—

That the Committee on Automobiles and Apparatus be empowered to make arrangements as they think best to have Fire Stations protected while the firemen are out on runs and that if financial arrangements are necessary to make arrangements with the City Council.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 5; Nays, 0.

By Com. Drolett—

That the requirements outlined by Com. Drolett for medical examination of members of the Police and Fire Departments be adopted.

Carried.

April 15, 1942.

By Committee on Men and Discipline—

That hereafter, leaves of absence for officers of the Police and Fire Departments be not granted until after the officer has been accepted and inducted into the armed forces of the United States.

Com. Boelio moves the adoption of the resolution.

Carried.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	\$395.00
Bd of Water & Elec. Light	302.16
Lansing Ice and Fuel Company	264.60
Elkhart Brass Mfg. Company	209.67
Lansing Oldsmobile Company	179.92
Socony Vacuum Oil Company	166.42
Mich. Bell Telephone Co.	132.75
Roberts' Tire Sales	104.65
Consumers Power Co.	49.53
Lansing Laundry	43.25
Mine Safety Appliance Co.	30.58
Swift and Company	23.75
Lansing Tool and Die Co.	23.70
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	21.34
VanDervoort Hardware Co.	19.93
Samuel C. Fisher	15.00
The Rikerd Lumber Co.	12.40
Budd's Music House	9.90
Paul Lefke	8.75
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	8.20
Whitmore Auto Electric Co.	7.93

Lansing Supply Company	7.58
Dyer-Jenison-Barry Company	6.00
Franklin DeKleine Co.	5.88
Air Reduction Sales Company	5.72
Lansing Oldsmobile Company	5.64
Young Brothers & Daley	5.30
Mill Supplies Corporation	4.67
C. G. Brenner, Inc.	4.13
International Association of Fire Chiefs	4.00
Lee and Cady	2.70
Kramer Auto Parts	2.00
Central Welding Supply Co.	2.00
Offenhauer Company	1.98
Snap-on-Tools Corporation	1.05

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

Morden Oil Company	\$528.32
Budd's Music House	95.10
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	82.25
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	73.12
Linn Camera Shop	64.14
Offenhauer Radio Service	41.94
Serg. M. Pletcher	32.85
Ammon-McBride-Moore	26.27
Knight Electric Company	20.92
John F. O'Brien	18.34
The Bunday Bedding Company	16.60
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	13.81
Barker-Fowler Electric Co.	12.17
The Dudley Paper Company	11.75
Western Union Company	9.03
Scientific Brake Service	8.22
Robinson Auto Supply Co.	7.50
Carrier-Stephens Company	7.50
Lansing Laundry Company	7.07
Dr. T. I. Bauer	6.00
City Comptroller	5.00
Emery-Pratt Company	3.62
Whitmore Auto Electric	3.59
General Distributing Corp.	2.80
Service Lumber Company	2.59
Directory Publishing Co.	2.50
Wagenvoort & Company	2.30
Western Auto Supply Co.	1.13

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

April 15, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings April 28, 1942

April 28, 1942.

The Board met in Special Session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Carter, Drolett, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Ford M. Hutchinson, Deputy Chief Utilities Emergency Division, Michigan Council of Defense, thanking the Chief of Police and Chief of Fire Department for their assistance in collecting and compiling results of the air raid siren test.

Received and placed on file.

Clay Campbell, City Attorney, filed an opinion on the eligibility of Mrs. Charles Thomas for a pension under the Police Pension Plan.

Received and placed on file.

Claude Finley, Fireman at No. 5 Station, applied for retirement under the Firemen's Pension Plan, to take effect June 1, 1942.

By Com. Drolett—

That Claude Finley be placed on the retired list of firemen beginning June 1, 1942, and he be given a furlough of two weeks beginning May 15, 1942, and that this request be referred to the City Council for their official action.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS

Philip K. Alber applied for appointment as fireman and the application was referred to the Chief of the Fire Department.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief of the Fire Department filed reports on finances of the department for the month of April, 1942, which were received and placed on file.

Chief of Police filed a report of expenditures for the month of April, 1942, which was received and placed on file.

April 28, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Gentlemen:

Please allow the following transfers of accounts to take care of overdrawn funds:

From 1C1 to 1D12	\$1,019.57
From 1C1 to 1A2	151.97
From 1C1 to 1B7	21.99
From 1C1 to 1C15	14.40
From 1C1 to 1D14	22.07
From 1C1 to 1G7	9.96
From 1F10 to 1G7	182.10
From 1A3 to 1D7	216.65
From 1C16 to 1D7	252.75
From 1C16 to 2A	68.51
From 2D to 2C	324.25

From 1C16 to 1E10 87.14

By allowing the above transfers to take care of the overdrawn accounts, a balance of \$69.95 will be turned back to the City Comptroller.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Drolett—

That the transfers be allowed.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Nays—0.

April 28, 1942.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Drolett—

That the salaries of the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department be raised to \$4,300.00 and the salary of the Captain of the Police be raised to \$3,200.00 and the salary of the Senior Assistant Chief of the Fire Department be raised to \$3,100.00, and Junior Assistant Chief to \$2,900.00. All raises to be effective May 1, 1942.

L. A. DROLETT, Chairman,
C. E. BOELIO,
ELMER W. HAMMOND,
Committee on Ways and Means.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Carter, Drolett, Hammond, Harris, VanNote.—6.

Nays—Com. Hunter.—1.

By Com. Carter—

That the change in pay day dates be postponed for three months.

By Com. Carter—

That the offer of the John Bean Manufacturing Company to place their fire fighting apparatus at No. 4 Fire Station for use if needed be referred to Chief Lefke to confer with the Company.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Nays—0.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas—7; Nays—0:

Board of Water & Elec. Light.....	\$ 218.28
McKay Coal Company	201.25
H. O. R. Siren Co.	156.60
Mich. Bell Telephone Co.	131.80
Lee and Cady	18.75
The Gamewell Company	90.49
Reo Motors, Inc.	84.63
Gust Neller	68.63
J. C. Penney Company	60.44
Rikerd Lumber Co.	52.49
Lansing Laundry	44.01
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	43.39
Buckeye Iron & Brass Works	40.32
Herman Reuffer	34.75
Consumers Power Co.	32.90
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	28.43
Lansing Supply Co.	28.26
Swift and Company	26.22
Akron Brass Mfg. Co.	25.59
Michigan Company, Inc.	23.26
Young Brothers & Daley	20.98
VanDervoort Hardware Co.	20.14
Wolverine Insurance Co.	20.08
Frank H. Dains	18.15
Bishop Furniture Store	17.50
Air Reduction Sales	14.22
VanDervoort Hardware	12.97
E. P. McFadden	12.10
Munger Electric Corp.	10.82
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	8.71
Central Welding Supply Co.	8.00
Wagenvoort & Company	7.50
Schaberg-Dietrich Hardware	6.61
Paul Lefke	6.01
Brick & Supplies Corp.	5.72
Capitol Film Service	5.35
U Rent It Shop	5.00
Franklin DeKleine Co.	4.23
Michigan Printing Service	4.00
Lansing Glass & Glazing Works	2.73
Whitmore Auto Electric	2.10
City Service Department	1.50

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas—7; Nays 0:

Morden Oil Company	\$ 320.72
Schaberg-Dietrich Hardware	190.00
Franklin DeKleine Co.	108.45
Wonch Battery Service	77.00
Graybar Electric Co.	52.80
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	45.26
Paul's Automotive Parts	18.35
John Walsh	16.00
Lansing Laundry Co.	9.52
John F. O'Brien, Petty Cash	8.22
Weissinger Paper Company	6.15
General Distributing Co.	1.68

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
April 28, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings May 21, 1942

May 21, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.

Absent—Com. Carter.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

John Daly, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, invited the Members of the Board to attend the annual Memorial Service for Deceased Firemen which is to be held on May 24th at 7:30 o'clock P. M. at the First M. E. Church.

The invitation was accepted.

A communication was received from Ben Guff, Chief of the Portland Fire Department, expressing appreciation for the services of Earl Miller to give instructions in First Aid in Portland.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from Lt. F. M. Kreni of Northwestern University relative to the Refresher Course to be given the week of May 25 to 30.

By Com. Boelio—

That Sgt. Pletcher be detailed to attend the Refresher Course at Northwestern with expenses to the extent of \$35.00.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 7; Nays 0.

A communication was received from Clay Campbell, City Attorney, relative to a claim for damages to a fire alarm box in the amount of \$60.00, caused by an automobile accident.

By Com. Hammond—

That the claim be referred back to the City Attorney for further negotiation.

Carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations were received from Patrolmen Lowell Winner and Gerald Clark, together with the recommendation of Chief O'Brien that the resignations be accepted.

By Com. Drolett—

That the resignations be accepted.

Carried.

A communication was received from Chas. Sohn applying for retirement under the Police Retirement system.

By Com. Drolett—

That the request be granted, the retirement to take effect June 1, 1942, and that the request be referred to the City Council for their action.

Carried.

May 21, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline met on March 6, 1942, to interview applicants for patrolmen on the Police Department.

Charles Fox was selected as one of the alternates and was appointed on May 7, 1942.

Your Committee recommends that he be placed on the customary six months probation period.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BOELIO,
Chairman,

C. I. HUNTER,
A. P. GROSS,
Committee on Men & Discipline.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be adopted and Chas. Fox appointed as one of the alternate patrolmen on six months probation.

Carried.

Com. Hammond reported that the house on Prospect Street adjoining Fire Station No. 4 had been repaired in a very satisfactory manner and was now rented.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief O'Brien reported on finances, Police Automobile activity and on the condition of the jail.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Lefke filed Operating Report of the Fire Department for the month of April, 1942, which was received and placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Com. Hammond—

That the contract with the United Exterminator Co. be renewed at \$75.00.

Carried.

By Com. Drolett—

That the City Council be requested to appropriate \$1,200.00 for the purpose of employing watchmen to guard the Fire Stations when the Firemen are out on calls at night.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 7: Nays 0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Com. Boelio nominated Com. D. D. Harris for President of the Board. There were no other nominations.

By Com. Drolett—

That the Secretary of the Board cast the unanimous ballot of the Board for Com. Harris as President.

Carried unanimously.

The Secretary cast the unanimous ballot as directed and Com. Harris was declared duly elected.

Com. Hunter nominated Com. Boelio to the office of Vice-President of the Board. There were no other nominations.

By Com. Drolett—

That the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Board for Com. Boelio as Vice-President.

Carried unanimously.

The Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Board as directed and Com. Boelio was declared duly elected Vice-President.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	\$610.00
The Bike Shop	120.00
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	74.00
John P. Walsh	27.00
Whitmore Auto Electric Co.	1.00
Emery Pratt Company	1.00
Railway Express Company	1.00
W. H. Nickel	1.00
Western Union Company	1.00
Michigan State Police Dept.	1.00

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed the following vote: Yeas 7; Nays 0.

American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	\$240.00
Horton Paint Store	142.00
Janesville Apparel Company	250.00
Hornor Woolen Mills Company	220.00
Acme Glass Company	25.00
Davis Upholstering Co.	25.00

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk

Lansing, Michigan,
May 21, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings June 9, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,

June 9, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Drolett, Gross, Harris, VanNote.—5.

Absent—Coms. Carter, Hammond, Hunter.—3.

Com. Hammond, in a communication to the Board, asked to be excused from the meeting on account of attending the Templar Conclave at Kalamazoo. He called attention to the fact that this was the first meeting he had missed since June 1936. The communication was received and placed on file.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The City Clerk filed a communication stating that the City Council had referred an offer from Robert J. Bartlett to sell a lot adjoining No. 8 Fire Station to the city.

June 9, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commission.

Gentlemen:

I have been informed by Market Master Charles Quinn, that he desires to hire a full time man, and will no longer need the services of officer Edw. VanDerske, effective June 1, 1942.

Due to this change after the budget was passed it becomes necessary to call to the attention of the Board that the sum of \$985.38 will have to be transferred to our budget to pay the other half of the salary of Edw. VanDerske for the remaining eleven months.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Gross—

That a communication be sent to the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council asking for sufficient funds to pay Officer VanDerske for full time on the Police Force.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 5; Nays 0.

June 9, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commission.

Gentlemen:

Due to the retirement of Lieutenant Frank Hufnagel which becomes effective July 1, 1942, and leaves a vacancy in our Detective Bureau, I recommend that Patrolman Arthur Webb be promoted to the rank of a Detective and be placed in charge of the Identification Bureau, effective July 1st, 1942.

Respectively submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Gross—

That the promotion of Arthur Webb to the rank of detective be made as recommended.

Carried.

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June 9, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire
Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resignation of Patrolman
Raymond Bullock, effective this date.

I recommend that the resignation be ac-
cepted.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. VanNote—

That the resignation be accepted.

Carried.

June 9, 1942,

Board of Police and Fire Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline
make the following recommendations:

That Carl Barratt be appointed as a sub-
stitute fireman, effective June 1, 1942.

That Robert Kennedy be appointed as
a substitute fireman, effective June 16,
1942.

Appointments to be for the usual six
month probationary period.

Signed:

C. E. BOELIO, Chairman
A. P. GROSS.

By Com. Boelio—

That Carl Barratt and Robert Kennedy
be appointed as substitute firemen effective
June 16, 1942, as recommended by the
Committee.

Carried.

June 9, 1942.

By the Men and Discipline Committee:

That Frank Simon, 1224 McCullough
Street, now employed in the Identification
Bureau of the Michigan State Police, be
placed on the usual probation period of
six months, commencing July 1, 1942, and
detailed to the Detective Bureau, to the
position now held by Patrolman Arthur
Webb.

Mr. Simon is very highly recommended,
being placed among the top four identifi-

cation officers of the State Bureau. He is
familiar with our case file system and is
a very good stenographer.

It is further recommended that the salary
of Mr. Simon be placed at \$1,950.00, the
salary paid to a second year patrolman.

Signed:

C. E. BOELIO,
A. P. GROSS.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be
adopted and Frank Simon appointed as
recommended.

Carried.

June 9, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire
Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline
met on June 2, 1942, for the purpose of
selecting two patrolmen for the Police
Department.

It was the choice of the Committee that
applicant Carlisle T. Barber and applicant
John W. Beedy be appointed and placed on
the customary six months probation period.

Dr. Hermes recommended that applicant
John Beedy not be put to work until a
report on some X-Rays are returned, which
he expected on June 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BOELIO,
A. P. GROSS,
Committee on Men and Discipline.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be
adopted and Carlisle T. Barber and John
W. Beedy appointed as recommended.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Lefke filed a report of the finances
and of the activities of the Fire Depart-
ment for the month of May, 1942, which
was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed report of the finances
and of the activities of the Police Depart-
ment for the month of May, 1942, which
was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien reported on a proposed

set-up for an Accident Prevention Bureau and Traffic Department under the Police Department which would cost \$9,819.20 for the nine months beginning June 1st and that as only \$8,000.00 was available in the Budget it would be necessary to have an additional sum of \$1,819.20 to finance the department.

By Com. Drolett—

That the following communication be sent to the City Council:

Gentlemen :

After a conference with Lt. Kreml of Chicago, it is found that the sum of \$9,819.20 will be required to hire men and secure equipment needed to establish an Accident Prevention Bureau and Traffic Division in the Police Department and we therefore request that an additional sum of \$1,819.20 be appropriated to add to the \$8,000.00 already provided in order that such a department may be effectively established by July 1, 1942.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 5;
Nays 0.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 5; Nays 0.

Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.	\$1837.50
Lansing Oldsmobile Company	1809.63
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	133.00
Bd. of Water & Elec. Light	115.51
Lansing Laundry Company	56.29
Consumers Power Company	54.97
Lansing Paint & Color Co.	43.06
Herman Reuffer	37.80
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	34.44
Scientific Service, Inc.	27.76
Rikerd Lumber Co.	25.53
VanDervoort Hardware Co.	24.83
Young Brothers & Daley	24.11
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	24.07
Lansing Brass & Aluminum Foundry	21.98
Peters Coal & Seed Company	16.75
Carrier-Stephens Co.	14.00
Paul Lefke	13.47
Canberg Window Shade & Drapery Co.	12.00
Hager & Cove Lumber Co.	11.03

Edington Rug Company	9.60
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	9.60
Roy Axtell	9.60
E. P. McFadden	9.60
Schaberg-Tietrich Hdw.	9.60
Cairnes & Brother	9.60
Air Reduction Sales Co.	9.60
Ferris B. Marsh	9.60
Fisher Hamilton Wall Paper Co.	9.60
American Dry Cleaners	9.60
Mich. Brass & Electric Co.	9.60
F. D. Hayes Electric Co.	9.60
Lansing Supply Co.	9.60
Hack's Key Shop	9.60
Electric Products Sales Co.	9.60
Offenhauer Company	9.60

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 5; Nays 0

Morden Oil Company	\$59.00
Hoosier Tarpaulin & Canvas Co.	2.16
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	1.64
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	7.40
Milo W. Pletcher	92.00
Budd's Music House	91.00
John F. O'Brien	34.02
Lansing Laundry Co.	14.02
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	15.50
John P. Walsh	12.50
Safety Service Clinic	18.00
Whitmore Auto Electric	10.00
The Dudley Paper Co.	1.00
City Comptroller	8.80
Robinson Auto Supply	8.57
Franklin DeKleine Co.	7.00
American Brief & Record Co.	7.00
General Distributing Corp.	6.00
Capitol Electric Supply	5.00
Barker-Powder Electric Co.	5.00
Service Lumber Company	4.00
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdw.	4.00
The Bike Shop	3.00
Brick & Supplies Corporation	2.65
Western Union Co.	2.00
Electric Products Sales	1.80
Paul Automotive Parts	1.00

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
 City Clerk

Lansing, Michigan.

June 9, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

The Board of Police and Fire

Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings July 3, 1942

July 3, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, D. D. Harris, on an advanced date called by the President.

Yours very truly,

SAM STREET HUGHES,

Mayor.

Referred to Committee on Automobiles and Apparatus.

ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Boelio, Carter, Drolett, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—8.

Absent—None.

July 1, 1942

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I have been drafted to serve in the United States Army beginning July 3, 1942, after being a probationary patrolman with the Lansing Police Department since March 14, 1942 up to the present date.

At this time I would like to request the Commission confirmation of my appointment as a patrolman.

I hope you will find it possible to confirm me, as I would like to return after the war to the Lansing Police Department as a confirmed patrolman, as of this date.

Very respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. WOOD,
Probationary Patrolman.

June 15, 1942.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

The Ingham County Council of Defense is anxious to have use of all sirens discontinued for duration of the war in order that the sound of a siren will mean air raid alarm only.

Please study the possibility of working out some other method of warning for the vehicles used by your department.

July 3, 1942

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Attached is a letter from Patrolman James L. Wood, who has been called to service in the United States Armed Forces. He was appointed on March 14, 1942 and

has served three months and sixteen days of his probationary period.

As you perhaps know Patrolman Wood had two and a half years of experience as a Police Officer in the Michigan State Police before becoming a member of our Department, and I feel that he is well qualified. The reports that I have received on Patrolman Wood have been very satisfactory and commendable.

I pass this information on to this Board, with the thought in mind, that it may assist you in reaching a decision as to his confirmation at this time and his returning to this Department at the end of his services in the Army.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Drolett—

That the appointment of James L. Wood as patrolman be confirmed as of July 3rd.

Carried.

By Com. Drolett—

That James L. Wood be granted a leave of absence to enter the service of the United States armed forces, to be reinstated according to the resolution passed by the Police and Fire Commission.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS

Application was filed by Howard C. Cole for appointment as fireman.

Referred to Chief Lefke.

APPOINTMENTS

By Com. Boelio—

That Gerald Miller be placed on the usual six months' probation in the Police Department.

Carried.

RESIGNATIONS

July 3, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resignation of Patrolman William Bishop, effective June 15, 1942.

I recommend that the resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Drolett—

That the resignation be accepted.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Hammond—

That it is the wish of this Board that money derived from rent of the property adjacent to the Number 4 Fire Station be credited to a city fund instead of the Fire Department.

Carried.

By Com. Hammond—

That blackout shades for the Fire Alarm Telegraph Building be purchased, according to quotations filed by the Michigan Company, Inc.

Carried.

By Com. Hammond—

That the President of the Board appoint a committee of three to draw up suitable resolutions in the matter of Commissioner Drolett's departure.

Carried.

Commissioner Harris appointed as such committee: Commissioners VanNote, Hammond and Boelio.

Following is the resolution:

Whereas, Commissioner Lawrence Drolett has enlisted in the Service of his Country and has this day advised the Board of his departure to enter upon his duties, and

Whereas, Commissioner Drolett has been a faithful, energetic and valuable member of this Commission for three years and three months, and it is with regret his wise counsel, his keen interest and enthusiastic efforts will be lost to the Commission for the duration;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners express to Commissioner Drolett our congratulations on his patriotism, our wish that he may soon return to us, and to wish him God-speed upon his mission.

(Signed by all Board Members.)

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8; Nays 0.

Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	\$166.42
Callard's Furniture Store	135.00
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	133.90
Capitol Electric Supply	107.39
Board of Water & Elec. Light	96.42
General Distributing Corp.	62.66
Lansing Laundry	44.50
Consumers Power Company	43.72
Canberg's Window Shade Shop	22.68
Detroit Fire Extinguisher	18.95
Paul Lefke	12.16
Michigan Company, Inc.	11.83
Scientific Service, Inc.	9.95
Herman Reuffer	9.87
Air Reduction Sales Co.	9.53
VanDervoort Hardware	8.55
Safety Service Clinic	5.40
Crest Sales & Supply Co.	4.98
Rikerd Lumber Co.	4.95
Police Department	4.37
American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	4.19
Carl's Seed Store	3.50
Franklin DeKleine Co.	3.41
Brick & Supplies Corp.	3.25
Michigan Brass & Electric Co.	3.06
Boichot Concrete Products	3.00
Rulison Supply Co.	1.75
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	1.42
Lansing Supply Company	1.28

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8; Nays 0.

Morden Oil Company	\$359.30
Budd's Music House	37.50
The Bike Shop	44.50
Harley Davidson Motorcycle	41.20
Reo Motors, Inc.	39.50
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	37.50
Paul Automotive Parts	35.50
Offenhauer Radio Co.	22.60
Lansing Laundry Co.	11.07
International Association of Police Chiefs	10.00
Schutzer's Clothing Store	9.50
General Distributing Corp.	7.50
Interantional Police Research Bureau	6.50
Linn Camera Shop	5.50
City Comptroller	5.00
Star Machine Works	1.50
Snap on Tools Corporation	1.25
Emery-Pratt Company	1.20

BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE
COMMISSIONERS.

Adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

July 3, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings July 14, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,
July 14, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the Vice-President, Com. Boelio.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Hammond, Hunter, VanNote.—5.

Absent—Coms. Carter, Drolett, Harris.—3.

The Vice-President stated that the meeting was called to act on the case of Roy Seymour of the Fire Department.

June 26, 1942.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Men and Discipline Committee of the Police and Fire Commissioners of said City held June 26, 1942, the suspension of Master Mechanic Roy Seymour being duly considered, that the said Roy Seymour did purchase upon the credit of the Fire Department of the City of Lansing one Macarco Air Compressor from McMaster-Carr Supply Company of Chicago, Illinois, at a price of \$25.00, for use by others than the City of Lansing, contrary to the laws and instructions of the said Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, and he having admitted the same to this Committee, therefore the Committee recommends his dismissal from the Fire Department of said City, as of June 16, 1942.

Signed:

COMMITTEE ON MEN & DISCIPLINE

C. E. BOELIO, Chairman.

C. I. HUNTER,

A. P. GROSS.

Served by;

PAUL LEFKE,
July 8, 1942.

To Roy Seymour,
Master Mechanic,
Lansing Fire Department,
Lansing, Michigan.

Sir:

You will please take notice that within resolution, a copy of which are herewith served, will be presented the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners of the said City of Lansing, at P. M., July 14, 1942, at the Office of Chief of Police of said City at which you are at liberty to appear to such action.

MEN & DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

C. E. BOELIO,

Chairman

C. I. HUNTER,

A. P. GROSS.

By Com. Hammond—

That the City Attorney be requested arrange for the proper legal procedure preferring charges against Roy Seymour the Fire Department and that Friday, July 17, 1942 at 7:30 p. m., be set as time holding a hearing on said charges.

Carried.

By Com. Gross—

That the President and Clerk of the Board be authorized to issue subpoenas for witnesses that are required for the hearing to be held on Friday, July 17, 1942.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings July 17, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,

July 17, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Com. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—6.

Absent—Coms. Drolett, Carter.—2.

The president of the Board stated that the Board was in session to hold a hearing on the charges preferred against Roy Seymour of the Fire Department.

Mr. Barnard Pierce, Attorney for Mr. Seymour, and Mr. Clay Campbell, City Attorney, were present.

Herbert W. Hulse, Stenographer, was in attendance and made a record of the proceedings and testimony.

Com. Boelio—

I offer the motion that the suspension be confirmed and that the defendant, Roy Seymour, be discharged from the service of the City for the reason that it is the opinion of the Police and Fire Board that the defendant is guilty of the charges made against him; that it is for the best interest of the City of Lansing that this action be taken, to be effective as of this date with full pay allowance to date.

Com. Hunter supported the motion.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—6.

Nays—None.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings August 11, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,

August 11, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Carter, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.
Absent—Com. Drollett.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Lansing Fuel & Ice Company expressing appreciation for the manner in which a fire was handled at their plant recently and enclosing a check for \$10.00 for the firemen's benefit fund.

By Com. Hammond—

That the check be placed to the credit of the Police and Fire Service Retirement Fund.

Carried.

A letter from Lt. L. A. Drollett, M. C. Army of the United States, was received in which he expressed his continued interest in the affairs of the Police and Fire Departments and expressed his regard for his associates.

The letter was placed on file and the Clerk instructed to reply in a letter to Lt. Drollett.

A communication from Mayor Hughes, addressed to the City Council and referred to the Police and Fire Commission, relative to the desirability of discontinuing the use of sirens on police and fire equipment during the war in order that they might not be confused with air raid sirens.

A communication was received from the Mayor relative to the suggestion of Dr. Cross that the Commission arrange for the services of a physician to attend prisoners in the jail when needed.

By Com. Gross—

That the proposition be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means of the Board.

Carried.

A communication was received from Robert Bartlett relative to his offer to sell the Board a lot adjoining Fire Station No. 8. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Bartlett that the Board was not interested in purchasing the lot.

A communication was received from the Dyer-Jenison-Barry Co. expressing their appreciation of the fine work that is being done by the Fire Prevention Bureau and citing cases in which serious fires had probably been prevented.

By Com. Hammond—

That the letter be received and placed on file and a copy posted on the Fire Department bulletin boards.

Carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Lyle Wilson Cramer applied for appointment as a member of the Fire Department and the application was referred to the Chief of the Fire Department.

August 10, 1942.

Mr. Paul Lefke,
Chief of Fire Department,
Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Chief:

On August 13th I will enter the service of the U. S. Army at Camp Grant, Ill.

Kindly place my application for an extended leave of absence before the Board of Police and Fire Commission, effective August 15, 1942.

I understand that on my discharge from the service I will be eligible to re-enter the Lansing Fire Department.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT SIMMONS,
Fireman No. 5 Fire Station.

By Com. Hunter—

That Fireman Robert Simmons be granted a leave of absence with the privilege of reinstatement as provided in a resolution of this Board.

Carried.

August 11, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your committee on Men and Discipline met on July 15, 1942 and again on August 4, 1942, for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the Police Department to fill vacancies.

The following men were picked as probationary patrolmen and will serve the usual six months' probation period:

Donald Woodward, Howard Thatcher, William Schmitz, George Lester, and Keith Marshall.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BOELIO,
C. I. HUNTER,
A. P. GROSS,
Committee on Men & Discipline.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

August 10, 1942.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men & Discipline make the following recommendations:

That Irving Noyce be appointed as a substitute fireman effective August 1, 1942.

That William Grew be appointed as a substitute fireman, effective August 16, 1942.

Appointments to be for the usual six months' probationary period.

Signed:

C. E. BOELIO,
C. I. HUNTER,
A. P. GROSS,
Chairman.

By Com. Boelio—

That this Board concur in the recommendations of the Committee.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Reports on the finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of July, 1942, were filed by the Chief of Police and received and placed on file.

The Chief of the Fire Department filed reports of the finances and the activities of the Fire Department for the month of July, 1942, which were received and placed on file.

A report of an accident involving a Fire Department was filed by Chief Lefka.

August 11, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,

Gentlemen:

I wish to make the following recommendation:

That Patrolman Ward Rainwater be promoted to the rank of Sergeant; that he be assigned to the Traffic Division, to become effective August 16, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. VanNote—

That Patrolman Rainwater be promoted to the rank of Sergeant as recommended by Chief O'Brien.

Carried.

August 11, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,

Gentlemen:

I wish to make the following recommendation:

That Sergeant M. W. Pletcher be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and that he be placed in charge of the Traffic Division and Accident Prevention Bureau, to

become effective August 16, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Hammond—

That the promotion of Sergeant Pletcher to the rank of Lieutenant be made as recommended by Chief O'Brien.

Carried.

August 11, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,

Gentlemen:

I take a great deal of pleasure in informing this Honorable Board that the Traffic Division and Accident Prevention Bureau is now functioning. I have sought this addition to the Police Department for some time, and wish to thank you gentlemen and all others of the City Government who made it possible.

In a very short period of time this division will pay dividends in the form of saving of lives, by cutting down our automobile fatalities, and other traffic accidents which cause injuries and property damage. The loss to the people of Lansing by automobile accidents in 1941 was \$550,000; I am certain that after this accident prevention bureau has been operating a year, that the loss will be reduced considerably.

The Accident Prevention Bureau Car will be in service twenty-four hours daily. Three officers are detailed to this car on eight hour periods of duty. They will answer all accident calls and remain at the scene taking photographs, measurements, interviewing witnesses and securing any other information necessary to learn the cause of the accident. It is only through this factual information that an intelligent analysis can be made of our accident experience. From this analysis proper steps can be instituted to prevent reoccurrences.

This division will be quartered in the City Hall Annex after September 1, 1942, and I would like the members of this Board to visit the Bureau often.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

Received and placed on file.

Com. VanNote reported on the present status of the radio station for County and City and the progress that is being made.

Chief Lefke was granted a four days'

leave of absence to attend a convention in Buffalo.

Chief O'Brien requested the Board to rescind their action of February 16, 1942, in which the Board determined that they would not ask deferment from the draft of members of either Police or Fire Departments.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Hammond—

That the resolution of February 16, 1942, relative to deferment of police and firemen be rescinded and that this Board ask for deferment for both Police and Firemen.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Carter and Hammond.—2.

Nays—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.

By Com. Hunter—

That the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase a Solo Motorcycle for the Police Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas 7; Nays 0.

By Com. VanNote—

That Fireman Chas. Tomrell be given a raise in pay equal to that given other firemen, effective May 1, 1942.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas 7; Nays 0.

By Com. Carter—

That Assistant Master Mechanic Elder be promoted to Master Mechanic, to take effect September 1, 1942.

Carried.

By Com. Hammond—

That the following letter be sent to the City Comptroller:

City Comptroller,
Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Please transfer to City of Lansing General Funds all rents received from property at 1023 Prospect Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas 7; Nays 0.

Sgt. D. C. Snedaker, who has been in the city for the purpose of assisting in the organization of the new Accident Prevention Bureau and Traffic Division of the Police Department, was present and explained the work that had been done and an outline of departments as set up and praised the men who are to carry on this work for their interest and cooperation and their ability to carry on the service.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote:

Yeas 7; Nays 0.

Lansing Ice & Fuel Co.	\$736.99
Silver Lead Paint Co.	486.60
Mine Safety Appliance Co.	424.93
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	177.03
Capitol Casting Co.	163.16
Rikerd Lumber Co.	146.30
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	135.10
Michigan Co., Inc.	117.96
Fuller Brush Company	80.58
Graybar Electric Co.	76.61
Board of Water & Elec. Light	66.35
G. Spaulding, et al	60.00
Lansing Laundry	52.60
A. Witschinski and R. Foster	50.00
VanDervoort Hardware Co.	49.79
Scientific Service, Inc.	47.90
Capitol City Wrecking Co.	45.54
The Gamewell Company	44.30
Consumers Power Company	40.51
Lewis Fuel Company	26.25
Lansing Company	24.60
U Rent It Shop	22.15
General Distributing Corp.	19.06
Carrier-Stephens Co.	16.00
Schaberg-Dietrich Hardware Co.	15.80
Hazen Lumber Company	11.72
Sun Oil Company	11.19
Safety Service Clinic	10.57
F. D. Hayes Electric Co.	8.57
Harton Paint Store	8.05
Herman Reuffer	7.60
Paul Lefke	6.81
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	6.66
Air Reduction Sales Co.	6.34
Munger Electric Corp.	5.88
Offenhauer Company	5.76

T. M. Gillespie	5.44
The Gamewell Company	4.72
Hacks Key Shop	3.82
Capitol Electric Supply	2.40
Franklin DeKleine Co.	1.50

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote:

Yeas 7; Nays 0.

England-Cook Company	\$1067.37
Morden Oil Company	334.24
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	170.24
Budd's Music House	68.74
Harley Davidson Motorcycle Co.	62.80
The Bike Shop	58.96
Kermit Little	58.00
Lyman Body Company	54.00
Horner Woolen Mills	42.20
Edgar J. Hermes, M.D.	42.00
Mrs. Ilah Anderson	34.00
C. F. Battenfield Co.	29.24
A. O. Brinson	27.05
United Exterminators	26.00
Vaughan Battery Service	24.70
American Loose Leaf Corp.	22.74
Dudley Paper Company	20.00
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe.	16.27
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	15.50
Magic Binding Post Co.	11.75
Lansing Laundry Co.	10.70
American Dry Cleaners	10.50
John F. O'Brien—Petty Cash	9.21
Western Union Co.	8.84
Columbia Carbon Co.	8.64
Wolverine Insurance Co.	6.63
Linn Camera Shop, Inc.	6.17
Barker-Fowler Electric Co.	5.60
Friedland Iron & Metal Co.	5.55
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	3.50
Whitmore Auto Electric	2.70
Seiberling Rubber Company	2.21
Johnson Cartage Co.	2.00
Robinson Auto Supply	1.50
Snap-on Tools Corporation	1.50
Inter-State Motor Freight	.50

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
August 11, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

The Board of Police and Fire

Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Sept. 9, 1942

September 9, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Carter, Gross, Hammond, Harris, VanNote.—6.
Absent—Coms. Drollett and Hunter.—2.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Mayor Sam Street Hughes relative to the Board endorsing an appeal to be made by Lt. Clarence A. Carson of the Army Air Forces, for contributions of old radios and parts of radios to be used by students in radio communication. These old radios and parts to be taken to the fire station.

By Com. Gross—

That this Board endorse the program as outlined by the Mayor.

Carried.

A communication was received from Mayor Sam Street Hughes in which he quoted a copy of a resolution adopted by the Lansing Council of Defense on August 25, 1942, which requested that the use of sirens be discontinued except when used as air raid warnings.

The City Clerk reported that a resolution had been adopted by the City Council on September 8, 1942, which requested that the use of sirens by the Police and Fire Departments and by individuals be discontinued and that sirens be used only for air raid warnings and submitted a copy of the resolution.

By Com. Hammond—

That the communications relative to sirens be referred to the Committee on

Automobile and Apparatus for further consideration and to communicate with the City Council.

Carried.

A communication was received from Oscar G. Olander of the State Police, together with a copy of a letter which had been sent to the Draft Boards regarding the deferment of Police and Firemen.

The Committee on Men and Discipline were requested to confer with the Draft Boards relative to their intentions in this connection.

A communication was received from John Coffey, Fireman at No. 1 Station, stating that he had enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps and asked for a leave of absence for the duration of the war beginning September 1, 1942.

By Com. Gross—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

A letter was received from Chas. Tomrell, Supt. of Fire Alarm System, asking that he be placed on the list of retired Firemen beginning October 1, 1942.

By Com. Hammond—

That the request be referred to the Committee on Men and Discipline.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

September 9, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline

met on September 1, to interview applicants for the Police Department.

Elwyn J. Groak was selected by the Committee and appointed as Patrolman on the Police Department. He will serve the customary six months' probation period.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BOELIO,
A. P. GROSS,

Committee on Men and Discipline.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be concurred in, and Elwyn J. Groak be appointed Patrolman on six months' probation.

Carried.

September 9, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline make the following recommendation:

That Robert Claude Evans be appointed as a substitute Fireman, effective September 16, 1942.

Appointment to be for the usual six months' probationary period.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BOELIO,
A. P. GROSS,
Committee on Men and Discipline.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be adopted, and Robert Claude Evans appointed as recommended.

Carried.

September 9, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline make the following recommendation:

That Fireman Idus Burgess be appointed to the position of Assistant Mechanic of the Fire Department, a vacancy caused by the promotion of Olaf Elder to Master Mechanic.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BOELIO,
A. P. GROSS,
Committee on Men and Discipline.

By Com. Boelio—

That the report of the Committee be adopted, and Idus Burgess promoted to Assistant Mechanic as recommended.

Carried.

September 9, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I submit the following recommendation for your approval:

That the Master Mechanic be granted a raise in salary equal to that allowed all other members of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted

PAUL LEFKE,
Chief of Fire Dept.

By Com. Hammond—

That the raise in salary of the Master Mechanic be granted as requested by the Chief.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Lefke filed reports on the finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of August, 1942, which were received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed reports on finances and activities of the Police Department for August, 1942, which were received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed two reports on minor motorcycle accidents.

Placed on file.

Com. Hammond reported on condition of the floor and other defects at Fire Station No. 1 and advised that repairs be made.

By Com. Gross—

That the Committee on Property and Purchasing be authorized to make the necessary improvements at Fire Station No. 2 at not to exceed an expense of \$1,600.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Hammond—

That the following communication be sent to the City Council:

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen:

On April 8, 1942, this Board addressed a letter to your Honorable Body stressing the need of a Juvenile Detention Home.

Since that time the need has grown greater and it is reasonable to suppose that Juvenile Delinquency cases will increase if previous war time experience repeats itself.

We again stress the importance of this matter."

Carried.

By Com. Hammond—

That the following rule be adopted:

That any member of the Lansing Police Department or of the Lansing Fire Department who shall or who shall have entered the United States armed forces while a member of either department in time of war, shall receive full credit for the time served in said armed forces of the United States in any computation of years service for the purpose of determining seniority or eligibility to pension.

Provided, however, that such member returns to service in the Police or Fire Department within two months after his discharge from such armed forces.

Carried.

By Com. VanNote—

That the Chief of Police notify Officer Bullen that he will be allowed to use his hearing aid while on duty.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Carter, Gross, Hammond, Harris, VanNote.—5.

Nays—Com. Boelio.—1.

By Com. VanNote—

That Rudolph Schaar's salary as fireman and Secretary to Chief Lefke be increased from \$2,200 to \$2,400.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas 6, Nays 0.

By Com. Boelio—

That the Chief of Police be authorized to attend the conference of Chiefs of Police with the necessary expenses paid.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas 6, Nays 0.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

Franklin DeKleine Co.	\$268.62
Morden Oil Company	381.11
Harley Davidson Motorcycle	89.54
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	73.60
Hacker-King-Sherry Agency	31.74
C. F. Battenfield Oil Co.	29.16
Robinson Auto Supply Co.	21.34
Emery-Pratt Company	17.09
Medical Arts Surgical Supply	13.42
Hirsch Tyler Company	12.36
England-Cook Company	11.62
The Dudley Paper Co.	9.80
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	9.65
Quality Sign Company	9.50
Western Auto Supply Co.	8.16
Cove Lumber Company	5.65
Hack's Key Shop	5.20
Finger Print Publishing Assn.	3.92
Friedland Iron & Metal Co.	3.75
Kenneth Bassett	3.00
Wolverine Typewriter Co.	2.80
Western Union Company	2.46
Wolverine Insurance Co.	2.21
General Distributing Co.	2.13
W. Ford Johnson Company	2.00
Safety Service Clinic	1.25
Howard Flint Ink Company	.98

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.	\$154.84
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	139.00
Elkhart Brass Mfg. Co.	133.57
Sliver Lead Paint Co.	90.09
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	78.74
Bd. of Water & Elec. Light Com.	73.13
Ernest Kopietz	62.14
Consumers Power Co.	60.98
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	50.00
Michigan Printing Service	48.50
Lansing Laundry	45.49
Rikerd Lumber Co.	33.79
Davis Upholstering Co.	22.75
Graybar Electric Co., Inc.	21.70
McMaster Carr Supply Co.	18.82
VanDervoort Hardware Co.	15.22
Rinshed-Mason Company	13.80
Goodyear Service	13.14
Harton Paint Store	10.10
Munger Electric Corp.	9.62
Air Reduction Sales Co.	9.51
Parker's Paint & Wallpaper Co.	5.60
H. W. Hulse	5.00
Robert's Tire Sales, Inc.	3.92
Lansing Glass & Glazing Works	3.49
Paul Lefke	3.15
Mich. Brass & Electric Co.	3.06
Hager & Cove Lumber Co.	3.00
Central Welding Supply Co.	2.65
Schaberg-Dietrich Hardware	2.56
Offenhauer Co.	2.00
Lansing Supply Co.	1.57

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
September 9, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING Proceedings Sept. 18, 1942

September 18, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Com. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Hammond, Harris, VanNote.—5.

Absent—Coms. Carter, Drolett, Hunter.—3.

By the Committee on Ways and Means—

That the salaries of first year Firemen be increased from \$1750.00 per year to \$1850.00 per year, that the salary of the Firemen be increased from \$2250.00 to \$2300.00 per year, that the salaries of the Engineers be increased from \$2200.00 to \$2250.00, that the salary of the assistant mechanic be increased from \$2250.00 to \$2300.00 per year, that the salaries of third year firemen be increased from \$2150.00 to \$2200.00 per year, that the salaries of second year firemen be increased from \$1950.00 to \$2200.00 per year, that the salary of the assistant superintendent of Fire Alarm be increased from \$2250.00 to \$2300.00, that the salary of the second assistant superintendent of Fire Alarm be increased from \$2200.00 to \$2250.00 per year, all such increases to be retroactive to May 1, 1942. These new rates of pay to become effective when the funds are made available by the City Council and transferred to the Fire Department Budget for 1942-43.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Hammond, Harris, VanNote.—5.
Nays—None.

September 18, 1942.

Resolutions

By the Ways and Means Committee—

That the salary of the first year patrolmen be increased from \$1750.00 to \$1850.00 per year, retroactive to May 1, 1942; that the salary of the second year patrolmen be increased from \$1950.00 per year to \$2000.00 per year, retroactive to May 1, 1942; that the salary of third year patrol-

men be increased from \$2150.00 per year to \$2200.00 per year, retroactive to May 1, 1942. These new rates of pay to become effective when the funds are made available by the City Council and transferred to the Police Budget for 1942 and 1943.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Hammond, Harris, VanNote.—5.
Nays—None.

By Com. Boelio—

That Chief O'Brien, Lieutenant M. W. Pletcher and Lieutenant Leo J. Bauer be allowed to attend the three-day War Conference for Police Executives, to be held in New York City, September 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 1942. Expenses incurred attending same to be paid from funds set up in the Police Budget for 1942-1943.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Hammond, Harris, VanNote.—5.
Nays—None.

Petitions were received from the members of the Fire Department and members of the Police Department calling attention to the increased cost of living and their need of an increase in salaries and requested that an opportunity be given them to personally present the matter to the Board.

By Com. Hammond—

That this Board hold a special meeting in the City Council Chamber on Tuesday, September 22, 1942, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. and that the members of the Police and Fire Departments be given an opportunity to present their case relative to salaries before the Board and that the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council be invited to attend.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 13, 1942

Lansing, Michigan.

October 13, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Carter, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.
Absent—Com. Drolett.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Sam Street Hughes, Chairman of the Lansing Council of Defense, stating that the Lansing Council of Defense had passed a resolution requesting the Commission to assist it in giving air raid warning signals by using the fire apparatus sirens and by use of sirens on police apparatus.

By Com. Carter—

That the two Chiefs be authorized to comply with the request of the Lansing Council of Defense by using sirens to aid in giving air raid warnings.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 6; Nays 0.

APPLICATIONS

Robert O. Leyrer applied for appointment as fireman and the application was referred to Chief Lefke.

A bid for renewal of Policy No. 245544 covering units of Police and Fire Commission for theft, fire and \$50.00 deductible collision was received from C. R. Moore, Agent, in the sum of \$433.90.
By Com. Gross—

That the bid be accepted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF CHIEFS

Chief Lefke filed reports for the month of September, 1942, of finances and activities of the Fire Department.

Chief O'Brien filed reports for the month of September, 1942, of the finances and activities of the Police Department.

Chief Lefke submitted the application of Otis F. Fellows, Captain of No. 2 Fire Station, for retirement on a pension to take effect on or before November 1, 1942.

By Com. Hammond—

That the application be referred to the Committee on Men and Discipline to confer with Captain Fellows and report to this Board.

Carried.

October 13, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Kindly confirm the probationary appointments of Firemen Nicholas Horiszny and Kale Knapp, these men have satisfactorily completed the six month probationary period.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL LEFKE,
Chief of Fire Dept.

By Com. VanNote—

That the appointment of Fireman Nicholas Horiszny be confirmed.

Carried.

By Com. Hammond—

That the Committee on Property and Purchasing be empowered to make a purchase of property for the Fire Department.

ment of \$500.00 to the contractor on improvements at No. 2 Fire Station when the work is finished.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 7; Nays 0.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 7; Nays 0.

Morden Oil Company	\$388.37
John F. O'Brien	155.49
Harley Davidson Motorcycle	133.72
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	79.92
Hallenbeck Printing Co.	38.60
John F. O'Brien, Petty Cash	28.74
United Exterminators	25.00
Columbia Carbon Co.	24.00
Franklin DeKleine Co.	23.96
Firestone Auto Supply Co.	23.52
Roberts Tire Sales Co.	18.45
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	14.04
Western Union Co.	13.94
G. E. Doran	8.00
Boyd's Music House	7.14
Offenhauer Radio Co.	6.21
American Dry Cleaners	6.00
Lyman Body Co.	5.50
Lansing Laundry Co.	3.82
Linn Camera Shop, Inc.	3.17
Robinson Auto Supply	3.00
England-Cook Co.	2.02
Wolverine Insurance Co.	1.42
Postal Telegraph Co.	1.01

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 7; Nays 0.

Victor Marquardt	\$500.00
Socony Vacuum Oil Company	\$179.29
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	133.90
Victor Marquardt	100.00
The Seagrave Corp.	78.01
Bd. of Water & Elec. Light	77.10
Consumers Power Co.	61.11
Lansing Laundry Co.	55.63
The Gamewell Company	18.19
Franklin DeKleine Co.	13.21
Vaughan Battery Service	10.92
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	10.73
Scientific Service, Inc.	10.05
VanDervoort Hardware Co.	6.07
Air Reduction Sales Co.	5.95
Mill Supplies Corp.	5.70
Paul Lefke	5.43
Lansing Supply Co.	4.62
Lansing Glass & Glazing Co.	3.53
Fisher Hamilton Wallpaper Co.	3.18
Dr. V. E. LeRoy	3.00
General Distributing Corp.	1.72
Carrier-Stephens Co.	1.35

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
October 13, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 29, 1942

October 29, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Carter, Gross, Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.
Absent—Com. Drolett.—1.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Watson & Amerson, Attorneys, for Patrick Devlin, requesting that a hearing before the entire Board be given to Patrick Devlin.

Received and placed on file.

October 21, 1942.

John F. O'Brien,
Chief of Police,
Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Having served the required twenty-five years as a Police Officer on the Lansing, Mich., Police Dept., I request that I shall be placed on the retired list of Police and Firemen, effective December 1, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO FENBY,
Lieutenant of Police.

Referred to Committee on Men and Discipline.

October 21, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men & Discipline met on October 20th, 1942, to hear charges preferred against Patrolman Patrick Devlin for "Conduct Unbecoming an Officer."

It is the recommendation of your Committee that officer Patrick Devlin lose his pay for October 10, 1942, on account of his conduct, and that he be deprived of his pay for the time of his suspension.

It is further recommended by the Committee that officer Patrick Devlin be given an opportunity to work four (4) leave days, and if this is accepted by officer Patrick Devlin then he be paid for the time he was under suspension.

Respectfully submitted

CHESTER E. BOELIO,
C. I. HUNTER,
A. P. GROSS,

Committee on Men and Discipline

By Com. Bolio—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.

Nays—Coms. Carter, Hammond.—2.
By Com. Boelio—

That the Chief of Police be directed to have Officer Devlin return to duty October 29th.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A report on the three day War Conference for Police Executives held in New York City was filed by Chief O'Brien, Lt. Leo Bauer and Lt. M. W. Fletcher, and placed on file.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire
Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Nov. 10, 1942

November 10, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Carter, Gross,
Hammond, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—7.
Absent—Com. Drolett.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Charles A. Parrish, Director of the License and Enforcement Bureau of the Liquor Control Commission, expressing appreciation for the efficient and effective co-operation received from the Lansing Police Department in its effort to eliminate the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. Received and placed on file.

Charles A. Wibert asked to be placed on the list of retired and pensioned police officers.

Referred to the Committee on Men and Discipline.

Lt. Arthur J. Burcham applied for retirement from the Police Department to take effect Dec. 1, 1942.

Referred to the Committee on Men and Discipline.

APPLICATIONS

Michael J. Dutka applied for appointment as a fireman.

Referred to the Chief of the Fire Department.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The report of the Chief of Police on finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of October, 1942, was received and placed on file.

The report of Chief Lefke on finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of October, 1942, was received and placed on file.

Capt. John J. Early filed a report on the condition of the City Jail.

Chief O'Brien filed a report on an accident involving Motorcycle No. 1.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Hammond—

That Victor Marquardt be paid \$500.00 on his contract for repairs to floor at No. 2 Fire Station and that the Committee on Property and Purchasing and the City Clerk be empowered to pay an amount to make a total of \$1,525.00 upon the completion of the work.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Hammond, Hunter,
Harris, Gross, VanNote.—6.

Nays—None.

By Com. Hunter—

That the following letter be sent to Draft Board No. 2:

"It appears to be the established practice of Board No. 3 and No. 4, of the Ingham County Selective Service to defer members of the Lansing Police and Fire Departments as they have come up for classification. The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners desire that all members of the two departments be similarly treated by the various Boards, as they are all engaged in essential services.

"It is therefore the Board's request that your Board act upon these individuals coming up for classification as is done by the other Boards of the County."

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas—7; Nays—0.

Victor Marquardt	\$350.00
Board of Water & Electric Light.....	220.49
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	133.90
Wolverine Insurance Co.	115.10
Silver Lead Paint Co.	58.50
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	50.92
Weissinger Paper Co.	47.04
Lansing Laundry	45.66
Consumers Power Co.	44.72
Michigan Supply Co.	37.68
Snap-On Tools Corp.	22.95
Scientific Service, Inc.	22.50
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	19.70
Munger Electric Corp.	17.04
Lansing Supply Co.	15.93
The Gamewell Co.	15.40
Franklin DeKleine Co.	15.40
Vandervoort Hardware Co.	14.15
General Distributing Co.	13.82
Air Reduction Sales Co.	9.12
The Seagrave Corp.	7.70
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	5.88
T. M. Gillespie	4.84
Filmack Tractor Co.	4.80
Paul Lefke	4.75
Electric Products Sales Co.	2.45
Capitol City Wrecking Co.	2.06
Lansing Glass & Glazing Works.....	1.76
Herman Reuffer	1.60
Fisher Hamilton Wall Paper Co.	1.47

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas—7; Nays—0.

Morden Oil Co.	\$481.36
Wolverine Insurance Co.	318.80
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	110.19
Lenz Bike Shop	92.25
R. B. Lewis Co.	83.01
Franklin DeKleine Co.	66.00
Reo Motors, Inc.	48.11
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	43.22
J. W. Knapp Co.	35.16
Wonch Battery Co.	20.50
The Hallenbeck Printing Co.	15.75
Whitmore Auto Electric	14.47
Linn Camera Shop, Inc.	10.46
Lansing Laundry Co.	9.60
Finger Print Publishing Co.	6.86
Barker-Fowler Elec. Co.	6.47
Vaughan Battery Service	6.37
John F. O'Brien	5.15
England Cook Co.	4.88
The Rikerd Lumber Co.	3.87
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	3.75
Budd's Music House	3.57
Paul Automotive Parts	2.40
Safety Service Clinic	1.50
American Dry Cleaners	1.50
Robinson Auto Supply	1.50
Western Union Co.	.92

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

November 10, 1942.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Nov. 27, 1942

November 27, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.

Absent—Coms. Drolett, Carter, Hammond.—3.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Clark R. Graves, Area Rent Director, expressing appreciation for the services of the Fire Department in distributing Landlords' Rental Blanks and the cooperation given at the fire stations in carrying out this registration.

Received and placed on file.

The City Clerk in a written communication commended the Firemen for aiding in the registration of voters by registering at the Fire Stations and also expressed appreciation for the work done by the Police Department in distributing election supplies to the Voting Precincts on election day, distributing Absent Voters' Ballots at the polls and in other ways assisting with the recent elections.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from Wm. F. Steinkohl together with a copy of a letter written by him to Col. E. M. Rosecrans regarding the question of deferment for police and firemen.

Also a letter from Chairman of Draft Board No. 4 relative to Roy Calvin Gleason, Patrolman.

The letters were received and placed on file.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commission,

Gentlemen:

For some time we have encountered considerable difficulty in obtaining dress uniforms, serge shirts and trousers, and poplin work shirts for members of the Fire Department. This condition is gradually becoming more acute and every effort

should be made to lengthen the wear of the uniforms now in use.

Recently a vote was taken by Fire Department members, with reference to the wearing of civilian clothing to and from work, attached find results of same. The vote indicates that a large majority favor the measure.

I am in accord with the idea and recommend that your Honorable Body grant permission for the members of the Fire Department to wear civilian clothing to and from work.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL LEFKE,
Chief of Fire Dept.

By Com. VanNote—

That Firemen be permitted to wear civilian clothing instead of their uniforms in going to and from work.

Carried.

By Com. VanNote—

That a poll of the Policemen and Firemen under forty-five years of age be taken as to what action they wish the Police and Fire Commission to take relative to their deferment and that the ballot be substantially in the following form:

Do you favor deferment by the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners of members of the Police and Fire Departments.

Yes _____

No _____

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.
Nays—None.

By Com. Hunter—

That this Board ask the City Council for sufficient funds to employ fourteen firemen in order to comply with the state law relative to leave days for firemen.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas 5; Nays 0.

The Board adjourned until Tuesday, December 1, 1942, at 7:30 p. m.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Dec. 1, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,

December 1, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.
Absent—Coms. Carter, Drolett, Hammond.—3.

By Com. Boelio—

That this Board hereby rescinds the resolution adopted on February 10, 1942, relative to withholding requests for occupational deferment and that this Board file Form 42A for all policemen or firemen who are called for service by draft boards.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Hunter, Harris.—3.
Nays—Coms. Gross and VanNote.—2.

By Com. Boelio—

That this Board approves the granting of the requests for retirement of Lt. George Fenby, Lt. A. J. Burcham, Capt. Otis Fellows and Supt. of Fire Alarm Charles Tomrell and that this recommendation be referred to the City Council for action.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.
Nays—None.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Dec. 9, 1942

Lansing, Michigan,

December 9, 1942.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.

Absent—Coms. Carter, Drolett, Hammond.—3.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Com. Lawrence A. Drolett, now serving in a United States Medical Corps in a foreign country, which was read with interest by the Board members.

A copy of a resolution adopted by the Lansing Council of Defense was received which asked that the use of sirens be curtailed as much as possible and used only at intersections or when made imperative by congested traffic.

By Com. Gross—

That the communication be placed on file and the Chiefs instructed to follow the suggestions made as far as possible.

Carried.

A communication was received from the City Clerk stating that the requests for retirement made by Lt. Fenby, Lt. Burcham, Capt. Fellows and Sup't Chas. Tromrell which the Board referred to the City Council were referred to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, the Committee on Police and Fire of the Council and the City Attorney.

By Com. Gross—

That the request of Lt. George Fenby and Capt. Fellows to withdraw their applications for retirement be granted.

Carried.

By Com. VanNote—

That Lt. A. J. Burcham be placed on the list of retired Policemen, to take effect on December 1, 1942.

Carried.

By Com. VanNote—

That Sup't of Fire Alarm Chas. Tromrell be placed on the list of retired Firemen, to take effect January 1, 1943.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Applications for appointment as Firemen were received from Robert Harry Miles, Edward W. Hoyt, Estan J. Beachnau, Arthur Gilbert DeLau, Wm. B. Kisabeth and Carl J. Thelen, and referred to the Chief of the Fire Department.

December 8, 1942.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find reports from Captain John Early, Lieutenant George Fenby, Lieutenant Leo Bauer and Sergeant Winslow Smalley on probationary patrolmen John R. Achterhof, Paul R. Beach, Carlisle T. Barber and Charles A. Fox.

Inasmuch as these reports are all favorable on these probationary patrolmen, it is

DECEMBER 9, 1942
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my recommendation that they be confirmed as patrolmen in the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Gross —

That the appointments of John R. Achterhof, Paul R. Beach, Carlisle T. Barber and Charles A. Fox as patrolmen be confirmed.

Carried.

December 9, 1942.

Board of Police and Fire Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline make the following recommendations:

That 1st Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm, Harold Golden, be removed from the Fire Alarm Division and to the rank of full paid Fireman.

That 2nd Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm, Cecil Hethorn, be appointed 1st Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

That Fireman Leo Root be appointed to the position of 2nd Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

The above recommendations to be effective on December 1, 1942.

Signed:

COMMITTEE ON MEN & DISCIPLINE

C. E. BOELIO, Chairman.
C. HUNTER,
A. P. GROSS.

By Com. Boelio—

That this Board concur in the recommendations of the Committee on Men & Discipline.

Carried.

Com. Boelio, Chairman of the Committee on Men & Discipline, reported that they approved the promotion of Sgt. Victor Scavarda to the rank of lieutenant, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Lt. Burcham, and that Coms. Boelio and Hunter recommended the promotion of Chas. Stragier to the rank of Sergeant, to fill vacancy caused by promotion of Sgt. Scavarda.

By Com. Boelio—

That Victor Scavarda be promoted to the

rank of lieutenant on six months' probation.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0.

By Com. Boelio—

That Chas. Stragier be promoted to the rank of Sergeant on six months' probation.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief O'Brien filed detailed reports on finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of November, 1942, which were received and placed on file.

Chief Lefke filed report in detail of the finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of November, 1942, which was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed reports of two accidents involving police cars which were placed on file.

Capt. Samuel C. Fisher, Fire Marshal, filed a report on routine inspections made in the business district, which disclosed large accumulations of waste paper, etc., which has been allowed to collect in basements and store rooms and stating that merchants are unable to find collectors to pick up this material. He suggested that the City Council take action to have the hazard removed.

Received and placed on file.

Capt. John J. Early filed a report on the condition of the jail as good.

A committee from the Firemen was present and discussed the subject of the law providing for one day in sixteen off and vacation periods and other matters of interest to the Firemen and the Board.

Mayor Sam Street Hughes was present and discussed various subjects with the Board.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Galvin Manufacturing Co.	\$3520.00
Morden Oil Co.	437.05
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	85.39
Harley Davidson Motorcycle Co.	65.95
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	65.20
Weissinger Paper Co.	28.85
Safety Service Clinic	12.85
Whitmore Auto Electric	24.24
Offenhauer Radio Co.	8.49
John F. O'Brien	7.40
Lyman Body Company	6.50
Robinson Auto Co.	4.75

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Dec. 17, 1942

December 17, 1942.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Com. D. D. Harris.

Yeas—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.

Nays—None.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Gross, Harris, Hunter, VanNote.—5.

Absent—Coms. Carter Drolett, Hammond.—3.

By Com. Gross—

That the firemen be given back pay, in order to comply with the State law relative to leave days, from January 10, 1942 to December 15, 1942.

Adopted by the following vote:

By Com. Gross—

That Chief Lefke arrange to keep all Fire Stations open and run them best he can with limited man power, for want of sufficient money in our budget to hire additional men to keep the personnel of the department up to the former standard.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.